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Sir:

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This communication is in response to the Patent and Trademark Office's (PTO) Notice dated August 29, 2000, requesting a Statement from Applicants informing the PTO whether or not United States government funds were utilized during the conception or development of the present invention. Responsive to the PTO's request, the Notice has been forwarded to the Applicants in Japan. Applicants are currently in the process of obtaining appropriate signatures from each inventor.

As soon as our firm receives the executed Statement, we will forward it directly to the Licensing and Review department of the PTO.

In light of the current efforts of the Applicants to submit the Statement, we respectfully request that issuance of the Formal Requirement be deferred until November 1, 2000, to allow submission of the Statement.

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